

Minutes of Meeting of Cavan Local Community Development Committee

Date: 26th February 2025

Time: 3pm

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams & Council Chamber, Cavan County Council Offices

Present:

Statutory

Cllr Clifford Kelly (Elected Member), Cllr T.P. O'Reilly (Elected Member), Cllr Val Smith (Elected Member), Ms Carmel Denning (Department of Social Protection), Mr Brendan Jennings (Cavan County Council), Mr Conor Craven (Local Enterprise Office),

Private Sector Interests

Mr Jim Maguire (Cavan County Local Development Company) - Chairperson, Ms Beth McEntee (Community and Voluntary Interests), Ms Connie Whelan (Cootehill Chamber), Ms Aisling Traynor (Youth Issues), Mr Paddy Denning (Agricultural and Farming Interests), Mr Barry Kavanagh (Environmental Interests).

Apologies:

Ms Frances O'Neill (Disability Interests), Dr Fiona McGrath (CMETB), Ms Ruth Woods (HSE), Ms Gayathri Devi Soman (Social Inclusion Interests),

In attendance:

Mr John Donohoe (Chief Officer), Mr Terry Hyland (Cavan County Local Development), Ms Deirdre Donnelly (Cavan County Council), Ms Siobhan Morgan (Cavan County Council), Ms Jane Crudden (Cavan County Council), Ms Susan Monaghan (Cavan County Council), Ms Ann Marie Crosse, Slaintecare Healthy Communities Coordinator, HSE.

The Chair (Mr Jim Maguire) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were noted.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Cllr TP O'Reilly

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Conflicts of Interest

The Chair reminded members of their conflict of interest's responsibilities.

4. SICAP –

(i) Annual Performance Review 2024

Mr Terry Hyland, CEO of Cavan County Local Development Company presented the highlights of SICAP activity for 2025. Ms Deirdre Donnelly then shared the LCDC checklist report and the Pobal feedback received on screen and went through the key points. She detailed that under the SICAP Programme there are two different types of supports – Goal 1 supports are for Local Community Groups and Goal 2 supports are for Individuals.

- Cavan County Local Development exceeded their KPI targets on both goals. 154% on KPI1 and 125% on KPI2.

Ms Donnelly noted that reports including the Annual Progress Report were issued by email to the LCDC members prior to the meeting and had been reviewed and discussed in detail at the SICAP Monitoring Committee meeting on the 20th of February 2025. The reports set out the various supports delivered under SICAP and show progress was made across all actions in the 2024 Annual Plan. The SICAP Monitoring Committee had recommended approval by the LCDC.

Ms Donnelly explained that Pobal have a new IRIS system to be used for SICAP and that there are some glitches that need to be ironed out but that these are being worked on at present by the Local Development Company and Pobal. There were no questions in relation to the reports shared.

Approval was proposed by Ms Connie Whelan and seconded by Cllr TP O'Reilly

(ii) SICAP Annual Plan 2025

Mr Terry Hyland stated that the approach for the SICAP Annual Plan for 2025 will be the same as last year, the plan is a broad statement of what will be delivered under the programme to allow unexpected matters to be dealt with when they arise for example Storm Eowyn in recent weeks without having to wait to get LCDC approval.

Mr Brendan Jennings spoke about the benefits of having a flexible plan especially this year with the storm and the response that was provided by CCLD under SICAP to it.

Cllr TP O'Reilly also acknowledged the work of the fire service and staff in Cavan County Council for their response to the storm. He also acknowledged the Community Hubs and other agencies including GAA clubs and media outlets for their assistance.

The Chief Officer added to the acknowledgements and said that the response showed the collaboration that there is amongst the various agencies and with the wider community in County Cavan.

Ms Deirdre Donnelly then shared the LCDC checklist report and the Pobal feedback received on screen and went through the key points. There were no questions.

The Chair explained that the 2025 SICAP Annual Plan was reviewed by the Local Authority and Pobal in detail and was also discussed at length at the SICAP Monitoring Committee Meeting on the 20th of February 2025 and the recommendation of the monitoring committee was that it be approved by the LCDC.

Approval of the SICAP Annual Plan 2025 was proposed by Ms Connie Whelan and seconded by Cllr Clifford Kelly.

(iii) Service Providers & Subcontractors

Mr Terry Hyland, Chief Executive Officer, Cavan County Local Development provided details of Service Providers and Subcontractors engaged by Cavan County Local Development Company. A copy of these were circulated to members and shown on screen.

Proposed by Cllr TP O'Reilly and seconded by Ms Carmel Denning

(iv) SICAP 2023 – Audit Report

The SICAP Internal Audit report 2023 was circulated in advance of the meeting by email. Mr Jim Maguire left the meeting due to conflict of interest and Connie Whelan chaired this section. The Chief Officer stated that under Section 6 of the SICAP Funding Agreement (SICAP 2018-2023) it was a requirement that the LCDC carry out an audit of SICAP on an annual basis. In 2018, the Department of Rural and Community Development engaged the Local Government Audit service to undertake these audits on behalf of the LCDC.

The SICAP Audit 2023 was carried out by the Internal Audit Unit of Cavan County Council recently. The audit report was sent to the Local Development Company in December 2024, and they were given the opportunity to respond - the findings and recommendations of the report were later approved by the Board of the Local Development Company on Tuesday 17th December 2024.

It is a requirement of the Programme that this report is brought to the attention of the LCDC and following this it must be submitted to the Department of Rural and Community Development.

Mr John Donohoe gave a brief overview of the content of the report.

Proposed by Cllr TP O'Reilly and seconded by Ms Carmel Denning

5. Sláintecare Healthy Communities Cavan – Presentation by Ann Marie Crosse, Sláintecare Healthy Communities Coordinator, HSE

Ms Ann Marie Crosse from Sláintecare gave a presentation on the programme. She explained that the aim of the Sláintecare Healthy Communities Programme is to improve the long-term health and wellbeing of the most disadvantaged communities in Ireland. Some of their core principles are:

- Place Based
- Long-term community change initiative
- Cross-government approach, at both national and local level
- Partnership with community and stakeholders
- Focus on the wider determinants of health
- Underpinned by Healthy Ireland Framework

Ms Crosse outlined details of several programmes run by Sláintecare including the following Healthy Food Made Easy, Parenting, We Can Quit and Social Prescribing. Mr Brendan Jennings stated that the work done by Sláintecare will have an impact in the long-term and it is a very worthwhile programme.

Mr Barry Kavanagh commended Ms Crosse on the work of Sláintecare particularly the health screening done on men that had identified previously unknown health issues. In relation to healthy food Mr Kavanagh advised Ms Crosse about the Cottage Market Cavan and the local green box which can be purchased every week. The green box contains a variety of fresh and organic food.

The Chair thanked Ms Crosse for attending the meeting.

6. PEACEPLUS

The Chair welcomed Ms Jane Crudden, PEACEPLUS Programme Manager to the meeting. Ms Crudden informed members that 8 tenders were reissued as there were no responses received when they were advertised previously, 7 responses were received. She said that the assessment panel met on 14th January 2025 to discuss. Ms Crudden asked if a conflict of interest would

arise that parties involved would leave the meeting while that tender was presented. She then went through details of tenders received which were approved by the LCDC members as listed below.

Project	Conflict of Interest	Proposed by	Seconded by
Multicultural Hub	Terry Hyland Jim Maguire	Cllr TP O Reilly	Cllr Clifford Kelly
Cross Border Farming	None	Ms Connie Whelan	Ms Aisling Traynor
Biodiversity & Climate Change	None	Cllr Clifford Kelly	Cllr TP O'Reilly
Primary School Integration Officer	None	Mr Conor Craven	Ms Connie Whelan
Post Primary Schools Coaching & Mentoring Programme	None	Cllr TP O'Reilly	Ms Carmel Denning
Community Cinema	None	Cllr TP O Reily	Ms Beth McEntee
Lifelong Learning for All	None	Cllr TP O Reilly	Mr Paddy Denning

7. Local Enhancement Programme

The Chief Officer stated that Cavan County Council has received an allocation of €147,703 which will be provided by the Department of Rural and Community Development in 2025 in respect of the Local Enhancement Programme.

The Chief Officer then presented the grants with a recommendation arising from an internal assessment of the applications. These were shared on screen.

The Chair thanked Ms Susan Monaghan and team in Cavan County Council for all their hard work in processing the grant applications.


Approval was proposed by Cllr Clifford Kelly and seconded by Cllr TP O'Reilly

8. AOB

There was no other business

9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the LCDC will take place on 26th March 2025 at 3pm in Council Chamber.

Signed: 

Date: 26.03.2025.

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